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Subject: Biological Evaluation of Red Pine Plantation, Compartment 819- Stand 28.

To: Leanne Marten, Forest Supervisor
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Enclosed is the biological evaluation of the Red Pine Plantation, Compartment 819 Stand 28 conducted this winter. This plantation is suffering from red pocket decline syndrome; a syndrome that involves mortality caused by overstocking, stand stagnation and a complex of insect and disease agents. This plantation went through of period of relatively high mortality 5 to 7 years ago. The current rate of mortality is lower now than in the past, but will continue as intra-stand competition again becomes more limiting. Management alternatives are included for consideration.

I hope this evaluation will provide your staff with the information needed to make the necessary management decisions regarding this stand. If you or any of your staff have any questions or would like further information, please feel free to contact Rick Turcotte at (304) 285-1544.

Sincerely,

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